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Steven Teig

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
QUANTIFYING THE QUALITY OF  
PLACEMENT CONFIGURATIONS IN  
A PARTITIONED REGION OF AN  
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT LAYOUT

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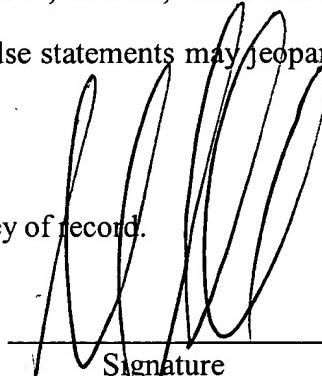
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